

CONTINUING (1.53(b)) UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for continuing applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.
1031.1017D

First Named Inventor:
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Title: **CONVEYOR APPARATUS AND COMMODITY
INSPECTING EQUIPMENT UTILIZING THE SAME**

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

*See MPEP chapter 600
concerning utility
patent application contents.*

ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification, Claims & Abstract..... [Total Pages: 62]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)..... [Total Sheets: 19] [FIGS. 1-21]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration..... [Total Pages: 3]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
5. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
7. ☒ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application (identified in Item 21), from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
8. ☒ Applicant claims foreign priority benefit to:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-138304 filed May 11, 2000; Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-138590 filed May 11, 2000; Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-196686 filed June 29, 2000; and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-198656 filed June 30, 2000.
9. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 C.F.R. 1.76
10. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
12. ☒ Assignment to Ishida Co., Ltd. of Kyoto, Japan at Reel 012834, Frame 0650

☒ for publication of assignee information under 37 CFR 1.215(b)

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

13. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
14. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
15. ☒ Foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed.
 - a. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) filed in prior application No..
 - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) to follow.
16. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
17. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
 - a. ☐ enclosed herewith.
 - b. ☒ incorporated herein (see Box 21).
18. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
19. ☐ Request and Certification for Nonpublication under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
20. ☐ Other:

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21. CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 10/009,832.

Prior application information: Examiner: Randy W. Gibson
Group/Art Unit: 2841

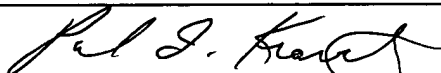
Preliminary Amendment:

- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-5 and 16-26 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:--This application is a divisional of application number 10/009,832, filed December 17, 2001, now pending.--

22. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CUSTOMER NO. 21,171**21171**

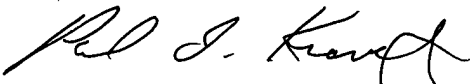
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23. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT

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NEW APPLICATION FEE TRANSMITTAL		Attorney Docket No.		1031.1017D			
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		Filing Date		January 28, 2004			
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